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SUBJ: CIVAIR: CONCORDE

REF: PARIS 3024

1. AIR FRANCE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT FOR FIRST TWO MONTHS OF CONCORDE SCHEDULED SERVICE TO RIO AVERAGE LOAD FACTOR HAS BEEN 73.3 PERCENT, MUCH HIGHER THAN CARRIER HAD EXPECTED. ON PARIS-RIO LEG LOAD FACTOR HAS BEEN 84 PERCENT, WHILE ON RIO-PARIS LEG IT HAS BEEN 63.3 PERCENT. AIR FRANCE EXPLAINS THIS IMBALANCE BY FACT THAT OPENING OF SERVICE TO RIO COINCIDED WITH CARNIVAL SEASON WHICH ATTRACTED EUROPEANS TO RIO, WHEREAS RIO-ORIGINATING TRAFFIC IS DOWN BECAUSE OF SEASONAL DECLINE IN TRAFFIC DURING ANNUAL VACATION PERIOD.

2. AIR FRANCE OFFICIAL HAS INFORMED US THAT DURING ABOVE PERIOD FIRST CLASS TRAFFIC ON AIR FRANCE'S SUBSONIC SERVICE BETWEEN RIO AND PARIS SHOWED NO DECLINE. AIR FRANCE HAD ENVISAGED ELIMINATING FIRST CLASS ON SUBSONIC FLIGHTS TO RIO IF CONCORDE SERVICE HAD ERODED THIS TRAFFIC AND AIR FRANCE IS OF COURSE UNCLASSIFIED

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PLEASED THAT THIS HAS NOT PROVED NECESSARY.

EXPERIENCE THUS FAR CONTINUES CONFIRM TO AIR FRANCE'S  
SATISFACTION THAT CONCORDE IS GENERATING NEW TRAFFIC.

3. AS MATTER OF PASSING INTEREST (AND IN CASE DEPT.  
TOO IS RECEIVING QUERIES FROM US PHILATELISTS), AIR  
FRANCE REP TOLD US THAT AIR FRANCE HAD DECIDED AGAINST  
CARRIAGE OF AIR MAIL ON CONCORDE WHEN COMMERCIAL  
SERVICE IS OPERATED TO WASHINGTON (EXPECT FOR ONE-TIME  
CARRIAGE OF FIRST DAY COVERS ON MAY 24 INAUGURAL FLIGHT.)  
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